SUBJECTS.

During the monsoons, however, it was no less devastating than any stream in North Travancore, the reason being that it had been gradually silting up of late and water in the *yelas* was drained into it; consequently the adjoining lands were submerged. Cultivation had to be given up and there was no crop last year in the locality on this account. The Member further said that the reasonableness of his request was approved of by the Irrigation Engineer. The people of the place were willing to bear half the cost of putting up a sluice to prevent this damage.

Dewan.—The matter will be looked into. The Peishkar says that the work may be done, because, after all, in this case, the expenditure would not come to more than Rs. 300.

Improving the banks of the Kodayar channels in Nanjanad.

Mr. Ramaswamy Meenakshi Chettiyar (Member, Nagercoil Trading Classes) stated that, in some parts of the canal side, especially in the Ananthankulam canal, want of cartable roads caused great difficulty to the ryots in the matter of the transport of manure to, and paddy and other produce from, the fields. At present these were carried by coolies at great inconvenience and loss. The Member said further that, considering the enormous outlay on the Kodayar project, the Government should not grudge the small expenditure that might be necessary for the improvement of the roads on both sides of the canal, which afforded great facilities to the cultivators. He prayed therefore that the banks of the canals be broadened and improved so as to make them cartable.

Dewans' reply.—Noted.

51. Certain works for affording facilities for trade in Quilon.

Mr. K. A. Krishna Pattar (Member, Quilon Trading Classes) pointed out the necessity for suitable buildings on the beach and near the Railway Station to store dutiable articles before taking them to the Customs authorities. The merchants were forced to pay demurrage to boatmen and to the Railway for detention, and sometimes the goods got damaged by being exposed to sun and rain. The Member therefore urged that godowns should be built on the beach, as well as near the Railway Station, for facilitating trade. He also proposed that the roads on both sides of the canal, from Kochupilamoodu to Sanjayakadavu, be opened for traffic and that boat basins be constructed here and there on the canal.

Dewan.—The Government have called for an estimate for a godown on the beach.

52. The improvement of the Parur market by extending it

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, Parur taluk) said that the place where the market was held was dirty and narrow.

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